

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1112

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY; AMENDING SECTION 33-604, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE TYPES OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY OWN, MAINTAIN OR CONTRACT FOR; AMENDING SECTION 33-605, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR SALES OF EXCESS ELECTRICAL ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 33-604, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-604. RENEWABLE ~~THERMAL~~ ENERGY. The board of trustees of each school district is empowered to establish, create, develop, own, maintain, operate and contract for the establishment, creation, development, ownership, maintenance and operation of thermal heating, electric and cooling energy generation and distribution systems, including hot or chilled water systems, or heat pumps where thermal energy or electric energy is generated from biomass, geothermal or solar renewable energy.

SECTION 2. That Section 33-605, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-605. SALES OF EXCESS ENERGY. The board of trustees of a school district which operates an energy system as described in section 33-604, Idaho Code, may use, sell, ~~or~~ exchange or receive credit on their bill for excess thermal hot or chilled water or electric energy not needed by the school district subject to the following conditions:

(1) Revenues from the sale of energy as described in section 33-604, Idaho Code, shall be used for the benefit of the school district.

(2) Sale of energy as described in section 33-604, Idaho Code, shall be pursuant to a school district written contract approved by resolution of the board of trustees of the school district, which resolution shall be forwarded to the state department of education.